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Mr. A. Richard Metzger, Jr.
Chief, Common Carrier Bureau
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street N.W., Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

RE: Investigation on the Commission's Own Motion Into the
Sale of Exchanges by Ameritech Wisconsin to Century
Telephone Enterprises

2815-TI-100
6720-TI-146

Petition by Ameritech Wisconsin and Kendall Telephone, Inc.,
for Waiver of Study Area Boundaries

Dear Mr. Metzger:

The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin (PSCW) submits this letter in anticipation of the filing of a joint petition for waiver of study area boundaries by Kendall Telephone, Inc. (Kendall) and Wisconsin Bell, Inc. (d/b/a Ameritech Wisconsin), arising from the sale and purchase of 19 local exchanges in Wisconsin. Under the transaction, Century Telephone Enterprises, Inc. (Century), through its wholly owned subsidiary Pacific Telecom, Inc. (PTI) and its wholly owned subsidiary Kendall will acquire the 19 local exchanges from Ameritech and its wholly owned subsidiary Ameritech Wisconsin.

Pursuant to the Common Carrier Bureau's order issued June 21, 1995, in dockets DA 95-1403 and AAD 95-78, local exchange carriers shall file with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) as part of any petition for a waiver of a study area boundary, a state certificate or other valid document that demonstrates that the affected state commission does not object to a proposed reconfiguration of study area boundaries. At its open meeting today, the PSCW determined that it has no objection to the issuance of a study area waiver associated with Kendall's acquisition of the 19 local exchanges from Ameritech Wisconsin.

While the PSCW does not have jurisdiction over the approval of the sale and purchase of local exchanges, it has begun a review of the transaction under its continuing supervisory jurisdiction over the operations of Kendall and Ameritech Wisconsin in the state of Wisconsin. The parties have kept the PSCW apprised of the nature of and developments regarding the transaction and have committed to work with the PSCW in achieving a smooth transfer of the properties. In addition, Century has made specific commitments that should preserve competition in the 19 exchanges.

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Therefore, the PSCW hereby states for the record that it does not oppose issuance of study area waivers associated with the proposed transaction. It is the PSCW's specific intent that this statement be accepted as compliance with the requirement set forth in the Common Carrier Bureau's order issued June 21, 1995 (DA 95-1403 and AAD 95-78).

Questions or communications on this matter may be addressed to Scot Cullen, Administrator, Telecommunications Division, at (608) 266-1567.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, May 11, 1998

By the Commission:

Lynda L. Dorr
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See Attached Notice of Appeal Rights.

Notice of Appeal Rights

Notice is hereby given that a person aggrieved by the foregoing decision has the right to file a petition for judicial review as provided in s. 227.53, Stats. The petition must be filed within 30 days after the date of mailing of this decision. That date is shown on the first page. If there is no date on the first page, the date of mailing is shown immediately above the signature line. The Public Service Commission of Wisconsin must be named as respondent in the petition for judicial review.

Notice is further given that, if the foregoing decision is an order following a proceeding which is a contested case as defined in s. 227.01(3), Stats., a person aggrieved by the order has the further right to file one petition for rehearing as provided in s. 227.49, Stats. The petition must be filed within 20 days of the date of mailing of this decision.

If this decision is an order after rehearing, a person aggrieved who wishes to appeal must seek judicial review rather than rehearing. A second petition for rehearing is not an option.

This general notice is for the purpose of ensuring compliance with s. 227.48(2), Stats., and does not constitute a conclusion or admission that any particular party or person is necessarily aggrieved or that any particular decision or order is final or judicially reviewable.

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